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## **Citizen Archivist Road Trip**

Summer is almost here. It's time to pack up the car, set your music playlist, and hit the road! To kick off the start of vacation season, we're excited to share a series of transcription missions over the course of the summer: a <u>Citizen Archivist Road Trip</u>! Join us online as we virtually travel throughout the country, bringing you records from field offices across the National Archives.



Did you know there is likely a National Archives near you? Each of our 12 field offices makes regionally created, historically valuable federal records accessible to the public locally. Particularly prominent among the holdings in field offices are records of the U.S. district courts and appeal courts, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Customs, and naval districts and shore establishments. Many facilities have naturalization records, ships' passenger arrival records and indexes for vessels arriving at various U.S. ports, military service and pension records, and land records. Learn more about our nationwide network of facilities.

To share more of these incredible resources, our virtual road trip will make a "stop" each week at a different National Archives location. We'll share records and feature a new transcription mission using records from that location. What will you learn and discover as you begin to transcribe?



Follow along on our <u>Citizen Archivist Missions</u> page to learn more about each location and help us transcribe records at each stop on our Road Trip. Every word you transcribe will help make these records more discoverable.

### First stop: Atlanta!

<u>The National Archives at Atlanta</u> holds permanent records created by federal agencies and courts in the following states: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

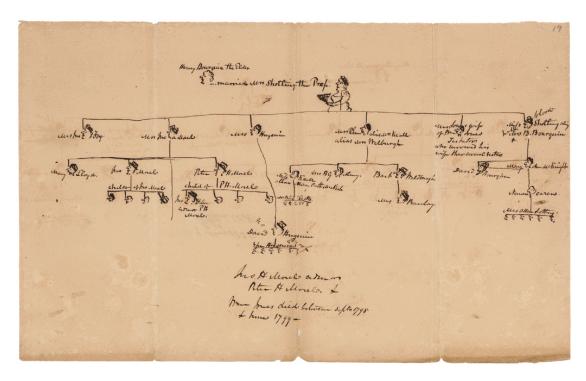


Our first transcription mission features primary source records from Atlanta, including:

- World War I Draft cards
- Railroad Retirement Board Records
- Court Records
- Atlanta Penitentiary Files
- Genealogical Records

#### **Get Started Tagging and Transcribing!**

Help us tag and transcribe these records to make them more discoverable online. Here are some examples of records you can expect to find at the National Archives at Atlanta:







State Superintendent of Schools State Board of Education Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga.

Pursuant to your suggestion in our phone conversation today, I am writing to you to set forth the following facts:

(1) That there are two school systems in this county—the County Board of Education and the City of Americus Board of Education.

(2) That these two systems have an agreement whereby children in one system may be released to the other, and that these children may or may not be accepted by the other.

(3) That for the coming school year, 31 children from the county system saked to be released in order that they might attend inserious High School, which is part of the city system; that all of these requests were granted by the County Board and all were released to the City Liurd.

(h) That the City Board of Education accepted all of the children released by the county except three, namely, Lora Bronne, Billy Wittkauper, and Jan Jordan.

(5) That the parents of these children all live at a religious church-community.

(6) That only children from said religious group were rejected by the City Board, and that all from this group who applied were rejected.

(7) That no reasons were given by the County School Superintendent as to why these three particular children were rejected; he said that his beard had given these equal treatment along with all the rest and had therefore released then to the City Board.

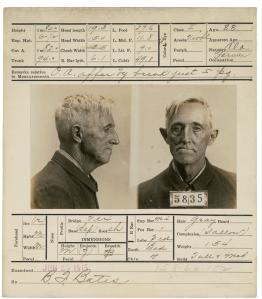
its decision to reject the children be reconsidered.

(7) mat the City Board refused to alter its decision, and has not given the parents the basis upon which their children were refused.

(19) Recause these children have good scholastic and department records, and because no other basis has been given upon which they have been rejected, we firmly believe that the evidence points to the fact that they have been rejected because of the religious and social beliefs of the church to which their purerus belong. If this is rue, and we are convinced that at it, then this is a clear denial of the rights quaranteed by the fourteenth amondment to the Constitution of the United States and should therefore be precedilly rectified.

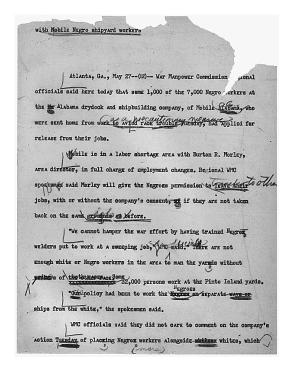
Since our children are not now in school, and because each day's delay makes it harder









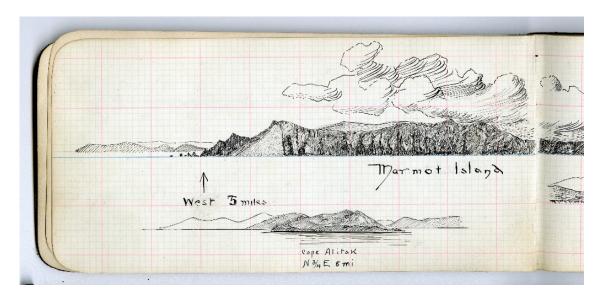


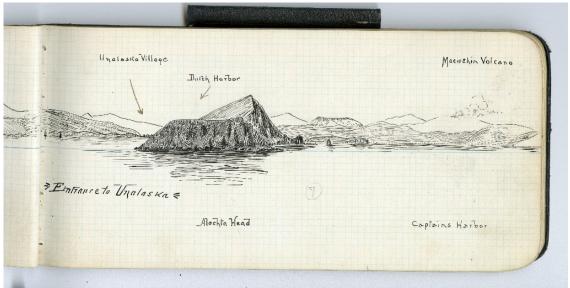
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We'll make a stop at each of our twelve field offices throughout the summer. Follow along on our <u>Dashboard</u> to learn more about our field archives and what you can expect to find in each National Archives location. You might even find one near you! We'll feature a new location and new mission each week:

June 1 - <u>Atlanta</u>	July 13 - <u>Seattle</u>
June 8 - <u>St. Louis</u>	July 20 - <u>Denver</u>
June 15 - Kansas City	July 27 - <u>Chicago</u>
June 22 - Fort Worth	August 3 - <u>Boston</u>
June 29 - <u>Riverside</u>	August 10 - New York
July 6 - <u>San Francisco</u>	August 17 - <u>Philadelphia</u>

Learn How to Get Started Transcribing and read our Transcription Tips.





#### Sketchbooks of John C. Cantwell, 1886 - 1893

The sketches of Cantwell's service in the Aleutian Islands and Alaska represent the earliest artistic drawings from the Revenue Cutter Service. These two sketchbooks are held at the National Archives at Seattle.

# International Archives Day

June 9th is International Archives Day! Did you know that Congress established the National Archives of the United States in 1934 to preserve and care for the records of the U.S. Government?



Previously, Federal records were kept in various basements, attics, and abandoned buildings with little security or concern for storage conditions. This photo shows <u>Shipping</u> <u>Board Bureau records</u> that were being stored in the White House Garage!

In 1935, Archives staff began to survey Federal records and the next year they began transferring records to the new National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

The National Archives now has over 40 facilities nationwide including field archives, Federal Records Centers, Presidential Libraries, the Federal Register, and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Learn more about International Archives Day on our Pieces of History blog.

Will you be in Washington, DC on June 9th? Join us in the Boeing Learning Center for hands-on <u>activities</u>.



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